

Maku Pilgrimage

This is the city of Maku. You may see how close it is to the mountain. The city is surrounded by mountains. The fortress is located in this range of mountains.



The fortress where Bab was imprisoned is visible from the main road (You may enlarge the picture to 200% and see the fortress, please follow the last top tree horizontally. The fortress is located at the middle of the picture, some pillars are visible).



The mountains are not normal in this area. This picture shows the curved shape of the mountain surrounded the fortress. Shadow in this area is the proof of it. The white color in the shadow is in the fortress area. The pictures were taken at noon in middle of summer and it was really cool. You may imagine how it is during winter. As you know Bab was imprisoned for nine months started from summer in this fortress by the order of Mirza Aghassi.



This picture shows the path to the fortress. It took 20 minutes from main road to reach to the fortress.



The picture was taken from the top of mountain. It shows the city.



This is the fortress area. It is vast. Here you may find the place that prison guard has controlled the fortress, it is called BARU in Persian. I was praying in the corner, thanks God still we have a little freedom. It was really spiritual, everyone was praying, crying and remembering Bab time.



People even Moslems, strangely, accept here as a scared place. They call it EMAMZADEH. This picture shows the candles between stones in the body of the BARU. At present a few people are living in this area to protect the place and it is a shelter too (the white place that is visible from main road).



As I wrote the fortress is a vast area. This picture shows another part of the fortress. Still some walls are visible. We found a tourist from Norway in this area, too.



This picture shows the inside of the BARU (The place where prison guard was sitting and protecting the fortress).



This picture is also taken in fortress area but from another direction. Mountain shadow is visible on the area during midday. It means that the mountains are not in normal shape.



And this is me, in green, with my friend. Still you can see the curved shape of the mountain and its shadow.



I wish these pictures give you the feelings of a pilgrimage. Hopefully, one day you will travel to Iran and visit these scared places. And the last picture shows the street leads to the fortress.

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